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INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

1. NICHOLAS DANILOFF OF UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
REPORTED THAT SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS
ARE PRESENTING TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COM-
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MITTEE, WHICH IS HOLDING HEARINGS ON THE EFFECTS OF CTB
TREATY ON U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS. DANILOFF
REPORTED THAT IN TESTIMONY MONDAY, DONALD KERR, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF ENERGY FOR DEFENSE PROGRAMS, SAID DOE IS
GRATIFIED NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION SEEM TO HAVE MOVED
AWAY FROM CONCEPT OF AN INDEFINITE BAN TO TREATY OF LIMITED
DURATION. "OUR JUDGMENT TODAY IS THAT, HOWEVER DURATION OF

FINITE LENGTH COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, THERE MUST BE RESUMPTION OF TESTING UPON EXPIRATION OF TREATY," KERR TOLD HOUSE PANEL. DANILOFF SAID KERR'S TESTIMONY "WAS ONE OF CLEAREST PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO DATE OF ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON NEED FOR PERIODIC TESTS TO CHECK ON DETERIORATION AMONG STOCKPILED ARMS." HE SAID KERR TOLD PANEL THAT IN 30 YEARS OF NUCLEAR PROGRAMS, "WE HAVE HAD GREATER THAN DOZEN PROBLEMS (WITH STOCKPILED WEAPONS) WHICH REQUIRED

TESTS FOR RESOLUTION." LESLIE GELB, DIRECTOR OF STATE'S BUREAU OF POLITICO-MILITARY AFFAIRS, AND ACDA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR THOMAS DAVIES WERE SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY TUESDAY. DANILOFF SAID ACDA OFFICIALS SAID DURATION OF TEST BAN REMAINS ONE OF KEY ELEMENTS UNDER DISCUSSION.

2. U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT (AUG. 21) SAID CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS "SHARPLY DIVIDED" ON HOW U.S. SHOULD RESPOND TO GROWING SOVIET THREAT TO U.S. NUCLEAR STRATEGY. MAGAZINE SAID NATION'S TOP DEFENSE PLANNERS FACE WHAT THEY VIEW AS ALARMING PROSPECT: BY 1983, SOVIET UNION, "WITH BIGGER, MORE POWERFUL AND MORE ACCURATE LAUNCHERS, WILL BE IN POSITION VIRTUALLY TO KNOCK OUT MOST IMPORTANT LEG OF AMERICA'S NUCLEAR TRIAD -- LAND-BASED FORCE OF 1,000 MINUTEMAN AND 54 TITAN MISSILES. DEFENSE AUTHORITIES WARN THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT, IF UNCHALLENGED, COULD OPEN DOOR TO SOVIET NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL AND PERHAPS EVEN NUCLEAR WAR

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THROUGH MISCALCULATION." ON ONE SIDE, MAGAZINE SAID, ARE PENTAGON'S "MOST INFLUENTIAL STRATEGISTS," WHO BASICALLY ADVOCATE ACQUISITION OF NEW, OSTENSIBLY INVULNERABLE SYSTEM OF MOBILE MISSILES TO REPLACE MINUTEMAN FORCE. ON OTHER SIDE, ARE "CONTINGENT OF DEDICATED ARMS CONTROL PROponents STRONGLY ENTRENCHED IN STATE DEPARTMENT, ACDA, WHITE HOUSE AND EVEN IN PENTAGON," MAGAZINE CONTINUED. THEY OPPOSE ANY MOVE AT THIS TIME TO REPLACE MINUTEMAN FORCE, U.S. NEWS SAID, ARGUING THAT THREAT TO MINUTEMAN CAN BE HANDLED IN FUTURE ROUND OF SALT BY NEGOTIATING SUBSTANTIAL CUTS IN SOVIET MISSILE STRENGTH. MAGAZINE SAID PRESIDENT IS CERTAIN TO COME UNDER "POWERFUL PRESSURE TO PRODUCE CONVINCING RESPONSE TO SOVIET THREAT TO AMERICA'S STRATEGIC TRIAD." PENTAGON IS SCHEDULED TO SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO NSC EARLY IN SEPTEMBER, U.S. NEWS SAID.

3. PRESIDENT CARTER, RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS FROM U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, SAID "I DON'T BELIEVE THAT OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOVIET UNION ARE DETERIORATING TO EXTENT THAT THERE'S THREAT TO WORLD PEACE OR THAT SALT NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE BROKEN OFF. I THINK INVESTMENT OF AMERICAN PEOPLE AND SOVIET PEOPLE IN PEACE AND REDUCTION

IN NUCLEAR THREAT IS SO GREAT THAT BOTH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUATION OF THESE EFFORTS." RESPONDING TO ANOTHER QUESTION, PRESIDENT SAID BREZHNEV HAS STANDING INVITATION TO VISIT U.S. "MY GUESS IS THAT PRESIDENT BREZHNEV WILL RESPOND TO THIS INVITATION WHEN PROSPECT FOR SALT AGREEMENT SEEMS TO BE ALMOST ASSURED. IF THERE ARE FEW REMAINING ISSUES -- AND THERE ARE LIKELY TO BE -- I THINK THAT ONLY HE AND I CAN RESOLVE THOSE ISSUES. WHEN HE THINKS THAT SUMMIT MEETING IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BRING CONCLUSION TO SALT AGREEMENTS, MY

GUESS IS THAT THAT'S TIME WHEN HE WOULD COME." ASKED IF SALT AGREEMENT IS CLOSE, PRESIDENT SAID "WE'VE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN SALT IN ELIMINATING DIFFERENCES UP TILL THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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POINT. WITH LITTLE FLEXIBILITY ON PART OF SOVIET UNION ON TWO OR THREE KEY ISSUES, WE COULD BRING ABOUT SALT AGREEMENT WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. NOW I'M NOT PREDICTING, YOU UNDERSTAND, THAT BREZHNEV IS COMING TO THIS COUNTRY SOON, BUT I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED. IT WOULD ALWAYS TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS -- OR MAYBE TWO OR THREE MONTHS -- TO PREPARE FOR HIS ACTUAL COMING HERE AFTER AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT HE WOULD COME." ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SENATE RATIFICATION OF SALT AGREEMENT, CARTER SAID "I'M NOT TIMID ABOUT TAKING CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES TO SENATE." HE NOTED THAT THERE WAS "NOT NEARLY SO MUCH PUBLIC SUPPORT" FOR TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO AND MIDDLE EAST FIGHTER PLANE PACKAGE AS THERE PRESENTLY IS FOR SALT. "THREE-FOURTHS OF AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SALT AGREEMENT CONCLUDED," PRESIDENT SAID. ONCE SALT AGREEMENT IS REACHED, HE CONTINUED, "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT I AND JCS, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, AND STATE DEPARTMENT CAN SUPPORT IT ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND IN GOOD FAITH. IF THAT'S NOT CASE, WE WILL NOT SIGN SALT AGREEMENT. WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING, MY JUDGMENT IS THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS WILL APPROVE IT."

4. SAUL FRIEDMAN AND JAMES MCCARTNEY OF PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER REPORTED THAT "TROUBLE IS BREWING" WITHIN AMERICAN SALT NEGOTIATING TEAM OVER PENTAGON'S DEMANDS FOR NEW MULTIBILLION DOLLAR WEAPONS SYSTEM IN EXCHANGE FOR ITS SUPPORT OF NEW SALT TREATY. "HEATED DISPUTE, ACCORDING TO SEVERAL EXPERTS IN TALKS CONCERNING NEW SALT TREATY, COULD LEAD TO RESIGNATION OF CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR, PAUL WARNKE, OR OF HIS PRINCIPAL ADVERSARY ON AMERICAN TEAM, LT. GEN. EDWARD L. ROWNEY, WHO REPRESENTS JCS." FRIEDMAN AND MCCARTNEY SAID WARNKE, IN TELEPHONE INTERVIEW, "ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD DIFFERENCES WITH PENTAGON. BUT HE MINIMIZED THEM AND SAID THERE WAS NO DANGER HE WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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RESIGN. ROWNY, IN GENEVA FOR NEGOTIATIONS, COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT." INQUIRER REPORTERS QUOTED SENATE EXPERT OF STRATEGIC ARMS AS SAYING THAT "TENSION IS SUCH" AMONG U.S. NEGOTIATORS THAT "ROWNY MAY BE FIRED OR MIGHT RESIGN. HE HAS LET FRIENDS KNOW HE'S CONSIDERING RESIGNING IN ORDER TO DRAMATIZE CASE (FOR MORE WEAPONS) OF JCS." FRIEDMAN AND MCCARTNEY SAID REP. BOB CARR STATED SOME OF PENTAGON'S DEMANDS, IF APPROVED, "WOULD DESTROY SALT," RENDERING ANY TREATY "MEANINGLESS." IN THAT CASE, CARR REPORTEDLY SAID, "WARNKE IS PREPARED TO RESIGN, BECAUSE HE FEELS VERY STRONGLY ABOUT MAINTAINING INTEGRITY OF SALT." FRIEDMAN AND MCCARTNEY QUOTED AN OFFICIAL AS SAYING "ADMINISTRATION IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET SENATE APPROVAL UNLESS JCS ENTHUSIASTICALLY SAY SALT AGREEMENT IS ALL RIGHT." INQUIRER REPORTERS SAID OFFICIAL POINTED OUT THAT AS PRICE FOR JOINT CHIEFS' SUPPORT, ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD TO "THROW IN MX, CRUISE MISSILE AND SOMETHING LIKE MAP SYSTEM," ALONG WITH PLEDGES TO UPGRADE AIR DEFENSES AND MEDIUM-RANGE BOMBER. FRIEDMAN AND MCCARTNEY SAID "ON PENTAGON'S 'WISH LIST,' MAIN PROBLEM IS MAP SYSTEM." THEY QUOTED HARVARD PROFESSOR MICHAEL NACHT AS SAYING "MAP IMPLIES DECEPTION, AND SALT DEPENDS ON VERIFICATION. CAN YOU RECONCILE THESE TWO APPROACHES?" FRIEDMAN AND MCCARTNEY SAID NACHT DOUBTS IT. AND SO DO WARNKE AND MEMBERS OF HIS TEAM, THEY ADDED. INQUIRER REPORTERS QUOTED HIGH-RANKING ACDA OFFICIAL AS SAYING "OBVIOUS PROBLEM WITH MAP IS THAT IT IS DESIGNED TO DECEIVE. EVEN IF WE WERE HONEST ABOUT HOW MANY MISSILES WE HAD SCATTERED AMONG 5,000 HOLES, HOW COULD WE BE SURE SOVIETS WERE HONEST IF THEY DID SAME THING?" VANCE

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